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SUBJECT: SHIFT OF ROK AMBASSADORS

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1. ROK ANNOUNCED TRANSFER OF AMBASSADOR HAN PYONG-KI FROM SANTIAGO TO ROK OBSERVER MISSION AT UN, WHERE HAN WILL ASSUME NEW POSITION AS NUMBER TWO MAN. HAN WILL BE REPLACED BY AMBASSADOR CHANG CHAE-YONG, CURRENTLY ROK AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA.

2. HAN PYONG-KI WAS BORN JUNE 4, 1931, AND ENTERED ROK ARMY AS OFFICER IN 1953 FOLLOWING STUDY AT CENTRAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN SEOUL AND SERVICE IN KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE. IN ARMY HE WORKED FOR PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND MARRIED PARK'S DAUGHTER BY A FIRST MARRIAGE IN 1958. AFTER PARK BECAME PRESIDENT, HAN LEFT THE MILITARY, SERVING AS POLITICAL OFFICER AT ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN 1961 AND AS ROK CONSUL IN NEW YORK IN 1962. HE RECEIVED MASTERS DEGREE FROM FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON IN 1966. RETURNED TO ROK TO ENTER POLITICS AND BUSINESS. HE WAS ELECTED TO 8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1971 AND SERVED UNTIL ASSEMBLY WAS DISSOLVED IN 1972. HAN IS PERSONABLE AND SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL. IN SEOUL, HAN SOUGHT OUT EMBOFFS AND ENJOYED CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSE PERSONAL TIES WITH

SEVERAL. HIS CAREER HAS CLEARLY

BEEN AIDED BY HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO

MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS TRANSFER TO NEW

YORK. ALTHOUGH HAN SHOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE ROK MISSION AT THE UN, MOFA OFFICIAL WORKING ON UN AFFAIRS EXPRESSED SURPROSE AT HIS SUDDEN TRANSFER AND SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT HAN'S ACTUAL FUNCTION WOULD BE UNDER AMBASSADOR PAK TONG-CHIN.

3. AMBASSADOR CHANG IS CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO ENTERED MOFA IN 1954 AND SERVED AS ROK CONSUL GENERAL IN VANCOUVER BEFORE GOING TO ETHIOPIA IN 1973. BORN IN KOREA ON FEB 8, 1917, CHNAG IS 1942 GRADUATE OF CHUO UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN. HE HAS ALSO HAD TOURS IN REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND NEW YORK (AS CONSUL GENERAL). FOR ADDIS ABABA: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CURRENT BIO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CHANG.
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